



HEALTH OCCUPATIONS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

# HOTT Update

August, 2012

## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

*Greetings from the Healthcare Workforce Center! We hope this update finds you all well. Remember the "Staples" commercial from a few years back with the ecstatic dad and extremely sad kids shopping for school supplies? I always have mixed emotions at this time: sad to see summer end, yet excited for new adventures. As we prepare for these 'adventures', look ahead to new and fun ways to reach out to our future healthcare workforce!*

*Read on to see what's new and noteworthy with our HOTT partnership.*

*Once again, a huge thank you to each of you for all you do to promote health careers to South Dakota students!*



### School Requirements

Recently, Darlene sent you the 'official' memo regarding HOTT requirements for school year 2012/2013. Each CHN was asked to provide HOTT instruction to two schools, preferably schools that you have not yet contacted, regarding HOTT. This year, the focus is again on 5th, 8th and 10th grades. There are many lessons and activities already developed for this demographic. Visit [healthcareers.sd.gov](http://healthcareers.sd.gov) for ideas! Don't forget your HOTT Futures Kits. These kits would be a perfect fit for this age group.

### HIPE Week

HIPE Week 2013 is now scheduled for February 4-8, 2013. Plans are underway for the 2013 event. Stay tuned to the HOTT website to see what's new!

Comments, suggestions or ideas are always appreciated!

### Career Guidebook

The Healthcare Workforce Center along with SDAHO and the AHEC have prepared the "South Dakota Health Careers Guide". This booklet highlights health careers and is available by contacting SDAHO's website. Visit <http://www.sdaho.org> and click on the "Workforce Development" tab to order your copies.



## HOTT Feedback Form

In 2009 we began collecting HOTT Feedback Forms through an on-line mechanism, rather than through a Word document. This change allowed the program office to collect more pertinent data in a more efficient manner. Thank you to all of you who have submitted your electronic forms. **Just a reminder to continue to use this process as you complete your school contacts.** The feedback form is located on the HOTT website ([www.healthcareers.sd.gov](http://www.healthcareers.sd.gov)). On the left toolbar is a "Community Health Nurses" link. Click on this link and scroll down to the "Feedback" link. From there, you can enter your data.

## HOTT Futures Kits

We encourage you to utilize your HOTT Futures Kits when presenting in your local schools. If you are in need of supplies in the near future, please let us know as soon as possible. We do have a stockpile of some supplies in the Pierre office, but other supplies will need to be ordered. Be sure to give us plenty of time so that an order may be placed, received and distributed in time for your presentation.



Also, we have extra complete kits available if anyone is interested. Call us and we'll arrange for delivery!

## New Partnering Opportunity

As you are looking for different ways to reach out to local students, consider partnering with one of South Dakota's

Area Health  
Education



Centers. These centers specialize in promoting health careers to students. They have a variety of resources, tools and ideas that you may find helpful. Currently, there are two AHECs in the state. The Yankton Rural AHEC is located in Yankton, SD. Visit [www.yrahec.org](http://www.yrahec.org) for more information. The second center is located in Aberdeen, SD. Visit [www.nesdahec.org](http://www.nesdahec.org) for more information.

## HOTT Career Trends

Don't forget the health career fact sheets located at [www.healthcareers.sd.gov/HOTTCareerTrends.aspx](http://www.healthcareers.sd.gov/HOTTCareerTrends.aspx). These sheets are designed to complement the Health Career Guidebook and are a great resource for middle and high school students.

## Contacts

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